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	Project Scoping and Budgeting	EIS Scoping	Concurrence Point
WSDOT FHWA	<ol> <li>Prepare project summary which includes a preliminary purpose &amp; need statement</li> <li>Prepare criteria for alternative selection and develop a preliminary range of alternatives.</li> <li>Identify sensitive resources &amp; potential impacts.</li> <li>Provide project summary to State &amp; Federal agencies.</li> <li>WSDOT makes preliminary determination of appropriate NEPA/SEPA environmental documentation.</li> <li>WSDOT conducts Biennial Project Review meetings and monthly COE project review meetings.</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Develop preliminary scope that provides purpose &amp; need statement, project description, alternatives and elements of environment that might be impacted.</li> <li>Distribute preliminary scope to interested parties (public &amp; agencies). (NEPA Notice of Intent, SEPA Determination of significance &amp; Scoping Notice.)</li> <li>FHWA invites applicable Federal agencies, WSDOT invites applicable state agencies to be cooperating agencies.</li> <li>Request Threatened and Endangered Species listing from US Fish &amp; Wildlife &amp; National Marine Fisheries Service.</li> <li>Hold EIS scoping meeting(s) as necessary.</li> </ol>	Concurrence on:  1. Revised EIS scope including purpose & need / 404 basic & overall project objective, purpose & description.  2. Criteria for alternatives selection  3. Role of all agencies
COE USFWS EPA NMFS	1. Attend Biennial Project Review meetings.  2. Indicate projects likely to need agency participation.  3. Provide preliminary con-cerns & recommendations.  4. Comment on Purpose & Need Statement and possible alternatives.  5. Provide comment on proposed environmental documentation.  6. Identify permit needs if possible.  7. COE attends monthly project review meetings.	1. Determine level of agency involvement and cooperating agency role.  2. Request co-lead agency, status if appropriate.  3. Attend EIS scoping meeting(s) as necessary.  4. Review & comment on preliminary scope.  5. Identify data needs.  6. Provide information, technical assistance, minimum criteria.  7. USFWS and/or NMFS, if T&E species potentially in project area, provide written documentation on species present.	Concurrence on:  1. Revised EIS scope including purpose & need / 404 basic & overall project objective, purpose & description.  2. Criteria for alternatives selection.  3. Role of all agencies
Ecology WDFW	<ol> <li>Attend Biennial Project Review meetings</li> <li>Indicate projects likely to need agency participation.</li> <li>Provide preliminary con-cerns &amp; recommendations.</li> <li>Comment on Purpose &amp; Need Statement and possible alternatives.</li> <li>Provide comment on proposed environmental documentation.</li> <li>Identify permit needs if possible</li> <li>Ecology attends monthly project review meetings.</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Determine level of agency involvement, including the cooperating agency role.</li> <li>Request co-lead agency, status if appropriate.</li> <li>Attend EIS scoping meeting(s) as necessary.</li> <li>Review &amp; comment on preliminary scope.</li> <li>Identify data needs.</li> <li>Provide information, technical assistance, minimum criteria.</li> </ol>	Concurrence on:  1. Revised EIS scope including purpose & need / 404 basic & overall project objective, purpose & description.  2. Criteria for alternatives selection  3. Role of all agencies

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	Pre-Draft EIS (PDEIS)	Concurrence Point	
WSDOT	1. Prepare preliminary draft environmental document.	Concurrence on:	
FHWA	2. Develop full range of reasonable & practicable alternatives (including avoidance alternative for Waters of the U.S./ Waters of the State and section 4(f) properties)to present to resource agencies.	Project alternatives to be evaluated in DEIS     Preliminary Preferred Alternative (When known)	
	<ol><li>Provide pre-draft EIS, wetland inventory report and biological assessment to cooperating agencies.</li></ol>		
	<ol><li>WSDOT delineates waters of the U. S. and/or Waters of the State (only the preferred alternative is delineated).</li></ol>		
	<ol><li>When the preferred alternative is known begin development of initial mitigation plan.</li></ol>		
	<ol><li>Prepare &amp; submit applications for appropriate permits. When the preferred alternative is known.</li></ol>		
	7. Conduct highway design alternatives mtg. and site visit if necessary.		
COE	1. Participate in developing alternatives.	Concurrence on:	
USFWS	2. Assure a full range of alternatives are presented.	1. Project Alternatives to be evaluated in Draft EIS	
EPA	3. Review & comment on alternatives.		
NMFS	<ol> <li>Review &amp; comment on wetland inventory report, T &amp; E biological assessment process, proposed mitigation &amp; other technical reports.</li> </ol>	Preliminary Preferred Alternative (if known)	
	<ol><li>COE makes jurisdictional determination. When the preferred alternative is known.</li></ol>		
	<ol><li>Participate in highway design alternatives mtg. and site visits as necessary.</li></ol>		
Ecology	1. Participate in developing alternatives.	Concurrence on:	
WDFW	<ol><li>Assure a full range of alternatives are presented and review &amp; comment on alternatives.</li></ol>	1. Project Alternatives to be evaluated in Draft EIS	
	3. Review & comment on wetland inventory report, biological assessment, proposed mitigation & other technical reports	2. Preliminary Preferred Alternative (if known)	
	4. Participate in highway design alternatives mtg. and site visits as necessary.		

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	Draft EIS	Response to Comments & Final EIS Preparation	Concurrence Point
WSDOT FHWA	1. Make revision to PDEIS per agency agreement, resolve unresolved issues.  2. Prepare detailed mitigation plan for preferred alternative. Otherwise conceptual mitigation plan included in DEIS.  3. Issue Draft EIS and advertise public hearing.  4. Initate right of way plan when the preferred alternative is known.	<ol> <li>Analyze comments, respond and incorporate, and prepare prefinal EIS.</li> <li>Circulate pre-final EIS to cooperating agencies.</li> <li>Refine analyses</li> <li>Develop responses</li> <li>Select the NEPA/SEPA preferred alternative/section 404 apparent least environmentally damaging practicable alternative.</li> <li>Complete detailed mitigation plans</li> <li>Complete Threatened and Endangered Species consultation process.</li> <li>Circulate final EIS.</li> </ol>	Concurrence on: 1. Final EIS contents
COE USFWS EPA NMFS	1. COE reviews section 404 permit application for preferred alternative.  2. COE prepares initial public notice for circulation with DEIS when appropriate.  3. Review and comment on draft environmental document, including 404 concerns.  1. Review and comment on draft environmental document.	1. COE evaluates comments received on preliminary public notice.  2. USFWS and/or NMFS complete Threatened and Endangered species consultation process.  3. Comment on pre-final EIS.  1. Provide feedback on permit applications.	Concurrence on:  1. NEPA/SEPA preferred alternative/ apparent section 404 least environmentally damaging practicable alternative.  2. Detailed Mitigation Plan  Concurrence on:  1. NEPA/SEPA preferred
	Review appropriate permit applications for preferred alternative.	2. Comment on pre-final EIS.	alternative.  2. Detailed Mitigation Plan

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	Final EIS Circulation	Development of Record of Decision	Record of Decision Issued
WSDOT FHWA	1. Circulate Final EIS	Evaluate and address any final EIS comments received.     Complete final mitigation plan.	1. FHWA issues FHWA Record of Decision no sooner than 30 days after issuance of FEIS.
COE USFWS EPA NMFS	COE circulates 404 final public notice, including detailed mitigation plan.	COE reviews comments to public notice.	COE makes final determination of compliance with section 404 (b)(1) guidelines, makes permit decision no sooner than 30 days after final EIS published.
Ecology WDFW		1. Make final permit decisions, including state water quality certification, a minimum of 7 days after issuance of final EIS.	

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WSDOT FHWA	Plans, Specifications and Estimates	Construction and Post Construction Activities
COE USFWS EPA NMFS	<ol> <li>WSDOT incorporates final mitigation plan in final project plans and specifications.</li> <li>WSDOT apprises all permitting agencies of any changes in plans after final EIS approval.</li> <li>Approve project plans, specifications and estimates (PS &amp; E) after all necessary permits are obtained.</li> <li>WSDOT initiates right of way acquisition, advertises and awards contract.</li> </ol>	1. Commence construction.  2. Permit compliance/ mitigation monitoring.  3. Notify all permitting agencies of any change order, construction techniques, or plan alterations which may cause permit violations prior to commencing work.  4. Prepare a request for permit modification if needed.
Ecology WDFW		<ol> <li>Compliance Inspections</li> <li>Receive and review monitoring reports.</li> <li>Review request for permit modification, if needed.</li> </ol>
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